

IOWA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Iowa Women's Hall
of Fame Ceremony*

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Through responsive advocacy, the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women (ICSW) champions the success and well-being of women and girls in Iowa. An office within the Department of Human Rights, ICSW was established by the Iowa Legislature as a state agency in 1972 and is growing Iowa's opportunities so every woman and girl can reach her full potential.

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

Many outstanding women have helped shape Iowa, and many strong female leaders continue to contribute their talents and skills to improve the quality of life in this state. To recognize and honor these achievers and to provide visible examples for tomorrow's female leaders, the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women established the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1975.

Each year, the Commission solicits nominations of women, living or deceased, who have had a significant impact on our society. The four inductees chosen yearly by a five-member selection committee and approved by the Commission are honored by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor at a special ceremony.

Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice

This medal recognizes and honors the accomplishments of Cristine Wilson, first chair of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. First appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in 1969, Wilson was a key force in the passage of the legislation that established the Commission as a statutory agency in 1972. During her service as chair, major legislation was passed that reduced sex discrimination and enhanced women's rights. Wilson's efforts were unceasing and her commitment was exemplary. The Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice is awarded selectively to an individual who has made significant contributions to the principles of equality and justice in the state of Iowa.

Program

Presiding

Dr. Jill Olsen, Chair
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #772 and Junior Girl Scout Troop #762

Welcome

**Introduction of Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Members and
Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice Award Recipients**

Dr. Jill Olsen

Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice Award

Dr. Jill Olsen

2010 Medal Recipient

Brad Clark (award accepted by Troy Price)

2010 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Awards

Phyllis Peters, Hall of Fame Committee Chair
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Cyndi Pederson
Dr. Jill Olsen

2010 Inductees

(Julia C. Addington (award accepted by Cheryl Mullenbach)
Mary Adelaide Lundby (award accepted by Michael Lundby)
Ruby L. Sutton (award accepted by Kathy Sutton)
Charese Elizabeth Yanney

Proclamation of Women's Equality Day and Remarks

Director Cyndi Pederson

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jill Olsen

Invitation to Reception

Michelle Durand-Adams, Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women President

Reception Following

Atrium

2010 Inductees | IOWA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME



Julia C. Addington

Julia C. Addington, born in 1829, was the first woman elected to public office in Iowa and may have been the first woman in the United States to be elected to office when, in 1869, she was elected Superintendent of Schools in Mitchell County. She was 40 years old when she was elected on the “Bolters” ticket, a renegade faction of the Republican Party. Because of her gender, the legality of Addington assuming the position came into question. The Iowa Attorney General ruled that there was no reason she could not hold the position of county school superintendent. Even after her election and the ruling by the Iowa attorney general that her election was legal, not all of her colleagues were accepting of her. Prior to her election, she was the “preceptress” at the Cedar Valley Seminary in Osage and taught in Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Des Moines. Her reputation in the education community was solid. Regardless of whether she was the first woman to hold office in the United States, it is certain that she accepted the call of a political party to run for office in a time when it took courage for women to do so. By accepting the call, she was setting herself up for certain scrutiny and probable scorn. While there is no evidence that Addington was an advocate for women’s suffrage, she was one of many pioneering women in the fight for equal rights for women. Because of ill health, she retired in 1871. She lived and owned property in Stacyville, Iowa. Addington died on September 21, 1875 and is buried in Stacyville.



Mary Adelaide Lundby

Mary Adelaide Lundby, a long time public servant and forthright leader, stood for all Iowans. Lundby served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1986-1994 and the Iowa Senate from 1995-2009. Unfailingly loyal to friends and colleagues, she was willing to speak eloquently for causes and for people she believed in, without regard to the consequences, personal or political. Known as a formidable competitor, she was an advocate for issues concerning children, families, the environment, and conservation. As a Senator, she supported the REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) program, sometimes nearly single handedly securing funds for projects vital to the support of state parks and other natural resources that allowed Iowans to appreciate their environment. She was an independent thinker around education issues and was considered by some the one vote that defeated the possible constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage. On the occasion of that vote, Lundby said she would never vote to put discrimination into the Iowa constitution and spoke passionately about fair treatment. She was also a talented whistler and could be heard in the Chambers whistling a tune as she worked at her desk. Lundby was tireless in communicating with her constituents, many of whom received annual birthday or anniversary remembrances from their Senator. She was the first woman to be elected Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Iowa House of Representatives and was the first woman Majority Leader and Minority Leader in the Iowa Senate. Lundby was born on February 2, 1948 in Carroll and died January 17, 2009 after a three-year battle with cancer.

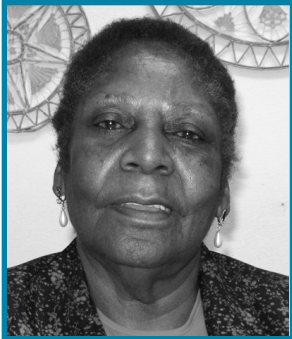
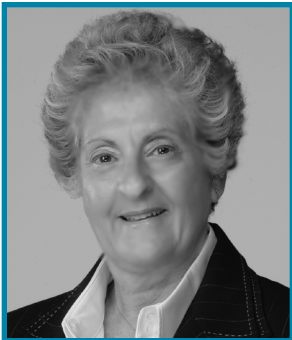


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Ruby L. Sutton

Ruby L. Sutton, of Dubuque, is a champion of social justice. She moved to Dubuque in 1959; her family was one of only five African-American families at the time. Though she faced discrimination, Sutton chose to stay in the community and work to make Dubuque a welcoming community for people of color. Through both her work and volunteer involvement, she has touched thousands of people's lives. Sutton served for 36 years as the outreach manager of the Operation New View Community Action Agency and 21 years on the Dubuque Human Rights Commission. She played a pivotal role in the formation of the Dubuque Community Advisory Panel. Sutton has been a tireless community activist, and is a source of inspiration, motivation, and empowerment. She has held many board and leadership positions in community organizations. She received Dubuque's Telegraph Herald's First Citizen Award in 1984, YWCA Women of Achievement Award in 1987, NAACP First Humanitarian Award in 1989, which was later renamed in her honor, and Peacemaker Award in 1999, and the Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Award in 2000. November 13th, 2009 was declared Ruby Sutton Day in Dubuque to recognize her many contributions to the community in areas of equality and justice. Born in 1932 in Lexington, Mississippi, Sutton grew up in Louisiana.



Charese Elizabeth Yanney

Charese Elizabeth Yanney, of Sioux City, is a legacy leader; she is willing to give of herself so that other women can achieve their goals. When she was 12, Yanney started working at the family business and volunteering as swimming teacher at the YWCA. That early work ethic served her well. After college graduation, Yanney spent four years as a junior high school teacher but gradually felt constrained by spending all day in the classroom. So, she decided to make a dramatic career change. She announced to her father that she was resigning her teaching position to work for the family business, Guarantee Roofing, Siding and Insulation Company. She became a partner in the firm a year later and today shares the responsibility of running the company with her father. Yanney tirelessly works to make her community and state better. She has served as chair of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Association of Business and Industry, United Way of Siouxland, Symphony Board, St. Luke's Hospital Board, and various state commissions and boards. Her leadership working on behalf of women and girls is perhaps most evident in the launch of two national award winning events for United Way of Siouxland: Women's Power Lunch and Women United, which have raised more than \$516,000 for women and girls in Siouxland. To date, the Power Lunch has raised \$231,000 that have been awarded to 68 single mothers. Women United, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for Siouxland youth 0 to 18, has awarded \$285,000 awarded to 13 innovative programs. Yanney was born in 1949.

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Members

2010

Julia C. Addington
Mary Adelaide Lundby
Ruby L. Sutton
Charese Elizabeth Yanney

2009

Linda K. Kerber
Mary E. Kramer
Adeline Lavonne McCormick-
Ohnemus, D.O.
Lyn Stinson

2008

Joan Urenn Axel
Barbara Moorman Boatwright
Hualing Nieh Engle
Marilyn A. Russell

2007

Ruth Ann Gaines
Emma J. Harvat
Dr. Ada Hayden
Connie Wimer

2006

Jeannette Eyerly
Christine H. B. Grant
Dorothy Marion Bouluris Paul
Margaret Wragg Sloss

2005

Johnie Wright Hammond
Brenda LaBlanc
Susan Schechter
Jo Ann McIntosh Zimmerman

2004

Joy Cole Corning
Mary Ann Evans
Ruth Cole Nash
Sally J. Pederson

2003

Diana "Di" L. Findley
May E. Francis, Ph.D.
Jean Hall Lloyd-Jones
Margaret Mary Toomey

2002

Bonnie Campbell
Sue Ellen Follon
Alice Yost Jordan
Shirley Ruedy

2001

Dr. Ursula Delworth
Lt. Colonel Phyllis L. Propp
Fowle
Phyllis Josephine Hughes, JD
Ann Dearing Holtgren
Pellegreno

2000

Betty Jean "Beje" Walker
Clark
Denise O'Brien
Adeline Morrison Swain
Margaret Boeye Swanson

1999

Professor Mary Jaylene Berg
Rosa Maria Escude de Findlay
Helen Navran Stein
Elaine Eisfelder Szymoniak

1998

Bess Streeter Aldrich
Janice Ann Beran
Lynn Germain Cutler
Maude Esther White

1997

Charlotte Hughes Bruner
Margaret "Peg" Mullen
Annie Nowlin Savery
Beulah E. Webb

1996

Meridel Le Sueur
Joan Liffing-Zug Bourret
Janette Stevenson Murray
Mary E. Wood

1995

Sue M. Wilson Brown
Mary E. Domingues Campos
Gertrude Dieken
Rowena Edson Stevens

1994

Mildred Wirt Benson
Lois Harper Eichacker
Attorney Gertrude Durden
Rush
Evelyne Jobe Villines

1993

Julia Faltinson Anderson
Mamie Doud Eisenhower
Phebe W. Sudlow
Jean Adeline Morgan Wanatee

1992

Virginia Harper
Eve Schmoll Rubenstein
Helen Brown Henderson
Mary Beaumont Welch

1991

Mabel Lossing Jones
Lois Hattery Tiffany
Marilyn E. Staples
Mary Louisa Duncan Putnam

1990

Mary Jane Whitely Coggeshall
Merle Wilna Fleming
Betty Jean Furgerson
Glenda Gates Riley

1989

Dr. Nancy Hill
Georgia Anne Rogers Sievers
Ruth Wildman Swenson
Cristine Swanson Wilson

1988

A. Lillian Edmunds
Twila Parker Lummer
Marilyn O. Murphy
Sister Patricia Clare Sullivan,
RSM

1987

Jolly Ann Horton Davidson
Gwendolyn Wilson Fowler
Lou Henry Hoover
Nellie Verne Walker

1986

Marguerite Esters Cothorn
Willie Stevenson Glanton
Jessie M. Parker
Dorothy Schramm

1985

Dr. Gladys B. Black
Edna M. Griffin
Anna B. Lawther
Alice Van Wert Murray

1984

Fannie R. Buchanan
Mary Frances Clarke, BVM
Mary Louise Petersen
Edith Rose Murphy Sackett

1983

Virginia P. Bedell
Evelyn K. Scott Davis
Beverly Beth George
Everett
Helen LeBaron Hilton

1982

Peg Stair Anderson
Ruth Bluford Anderson
Pearl Hogrefe
Dr. Jeanne Montgomery
Smith

1981

Mary Newbury Adams
Roxanne Barton Conlin
Mary Garst
Louise Rosenfield Noun

1980

Rosa E. Cunningham
Mary A. Grefe
Arabella Mansfield
Catherine G. Williams

1979

Minnette Doderer
Mabel Lee
Mary Jane Odell
Louise Rosenfeld

1978

Jacqueline Day
Dorothy Houghton
Carolyn Pendray
Ruth Suckow

1977

Jessie Binford
Jessie Field Shambaugh
Ida B. Wise Smith
Mary Louise Smith

1976

Susan Glaspell
Cora Bussey Hillis
Agnes Samuelson
Ruth Sayre

1975

Amelia Jenks Bloomer
Carrie Chapman Catt
Ola Babcock Miller
Annie Wittenmyer

Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice Recipients



Governor Robert D. Ray	1982	Governor Terry E. Branstad	1999
Mary Louise Smith	1984	Suzanne O'Dea Schenken	2000
Dr. Sue Follon	1985	Jane Elliott	2001
Dr. Patricia Geadelmann	1987	Reverend Carlos Jayne	2002
Minnette Doderer	1989	Rekha Basu	2003
Lonabelle Kaplan "Kappie" Spencer	1990	Marie C. Wilson	2004
Dr. Charles Hughes Bruner	1992	Susan C. Buckley	2005
Louise Rosenfield Noun	1993	Jane Jones Turner Burleson	2006
Mary Molen Wiberg	1994	Marilyn O. Murphy	2007
Betty Talkington	1995	Dr. Kesho Y. Scott	2008
Maude Esther White	1996	Sister Mary McCauley, BVM	2009
Naomi Christensen	1997	Brad Clark	2010
Edna M. Griffin	1998		



Brad Clark

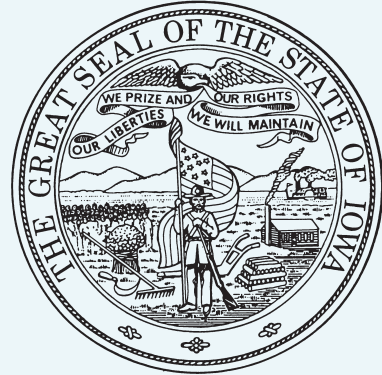
Brad Clark is the Executive Director of One Colorado where he is leading the organization's efforts to secure and protect equality and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Coloradans. He joined One Colorado in May 2010 as its first Executive Director. Clark heads to One Colorado after spearheading Iowa's campaign for marriage equality as the campaign director for One Iowa. At One Iowa, Clark led the strategic legislative, electoral, grassroots, and public education campaign to achieve and protect marriage equality. During his tenure in Iowa, Clark grew One Iowa into a recognized force of thousands of members and tens of thousands of supporters. As the executive director of Iowa Safe Schools, he led a coalition of education, civil rights, labor, faith, and business leaders to help pass a comprehensive safe schools law and civil rights law to protect LGBT Iowans from discrimination. Born and raised in Iowa, Clark graduated from Central College in 2003 with a bachelor's in economics and political science. At Central, he served as the student body president as well as a member of Central College's board of trustees.



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